Doubling of track between Varanasi-Allahabad and Allahabad-Rai Bareli

722. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a single track between Varanasi to Allahabad and Allahabad to Rai Bareli;

(b) whether there is any proposal to convert it to double track;

(c) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The traffic on the suggested Varanasi-Allahabad and Allahabad-Rai Bareli sections have not reached the level to justify doubling as the doubling of single line section/providing multiple lines on double sections is taken up when their carrying capacity become saturated.

Improving the traffic management system at Secunderabad

723. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to improve the traffic management system and movement of trains at Secunderabad railway station in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that trains like Godavari Express, Gowthami Express and Narsapur Express are not berthed at the platform near the exits;

(c) what are the reasons for lack of consideration for elderly passengers and others by such mismanagement;

(d) what steps would be taken to ensure that important trains of Andhra Pradesh are berthed for arrival and departures on platform nearest to exits; and

(e) the steps proposed to help passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.